



The company opened its first home in July 2001. We now operate two homes in Worcestershire and one home in Wiltshire, all of which are shown below.

Our aim is to provide a safe and stable environment which will permit residents in our homes to live in dignity, whilst retaining their individuality and freedom of choice.

*Our philosophy is to ensure all individuals, whatever their disabilities, have a chance to live life to the full and gain access to new learning experiences and activities. Quality of life is paramount, this is guaranteed by the person-centred planning the company utilises.*

A professional, reliable and committed workforce is at the very heart of what we offer clients. All the staff we employ have suitable experience and skills to care for our service user group. We continue to invest in our staff by enrolling them on both mandatory and non-mandatory courses.



**The Hollies** is a small friendly care home, located close to the centre of the market town of Pershore in the attractive Worcestershire countryside. The home is within a quiet residential area, and benefiting from town amenities within easy walking distance.

Contact 'The Hollies': Tel- (01386) 556490  
Email- David@exalon.net



**The Oaks** has the Malvern Hills as a stunning backdrop and overlooks the Link Common to the front of the home, both of which provide ideal venues for service users who enjoy an active lifestyle or simply the great outdoors.

Contact 'The Oaks': Tel- (01684) 572079  
Email- David@exalon.net



**The Willows** is a substantial three storey Victorian property conveniently located close to the centre of the former market town of Warminster, the Willows is ideally located for clients who wish to become involved with the local community.

Contact 'The Willows': Tel- (01985) 215757  
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## Welcome to Exalon Care Homes' summer newsletter!

July 2005

### Exciting Extension Planned!

It is an exciting time for The Willows with a new extension imminent. As the first home opened by Exalon, it has now been in operation for around four years and it was felt that the time was right to take the occupancy from eight to ten residents.

The proposed extension (shown on the right of the main house in the picture) will incorporate a large new kitchen, staff room and bathroom on the ground floor, two huge en-suite bedrooms on the first floor and enable the top floor bathroom to be enlarged with a shower being added to it. The new kitchen will benefit from a view as it will overlook the large garden to the back of the house. The exterior will also be in keeping with the rest of the house in terms of brickwork, and existing windows be painted to match the new ones.



### The Sad Loss Of A Wonderful Friend

"I am sorry to hear the news about Geoff's death. The feelings I feel are mutual, with every other service user. I got on with him very well, we went to Minehead with him and then we went to Chesil beach. We always shared a cigarette together outside the building. We always played games on the lawn, and Geoff always loved going to the shop. Geoff was always lazy and went to bed at 10.30 pm. Geoff loved fishing, he was about to start horse riding, he also loved bowling. Geoff was a good friend, sometimes he got very angry but other times he was very happy and nice. We will all miss him a lot."

Geoff sometimes was like sunshine,  
And sometimes like rain,  
I hope now he is not in any pain,  
And sleeping peacefully in the sky above.

Written by Keith Russell and Susan Taylor



## THE OAKS

### Come Along To The Oaks Summer Fete! Saturday 20th August

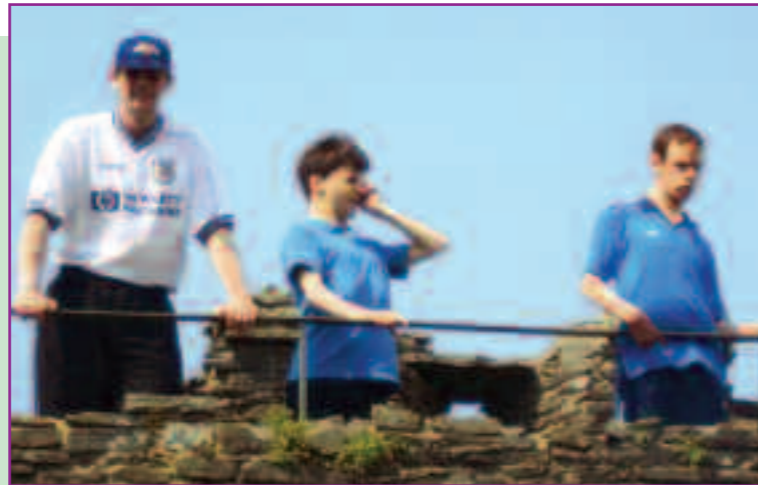


Everyone at The Oaks is again looking forward to the annual 'Summer Fete.' The fete has proved a huge success over recent years. The aim is to top last year's total of £600! The fete will have the usual favourites such as the Tombola, Raffle, Barbeque and several stalls selling home-made and other goods. Anyone wishing to attend the fete can contact Doreen White on 01684 572079. If it rains on the 20th however, the fete will take place the following Saturday (27th August)

### Summer Holidays & Trips

The summer holidays this year saw many of the residents of The Oaks going to Carmarthen in South-West Wales. Jamie, Nick, Jane, Hugh, Ashleigh, Mark and Hugh stayed in a picturesque cabin in the forest. The group had a chance to get a feel for the history of the town with a visit to Carmarthen Castle. The ruined Norman castle, which overlooks the town and the river Tywi, was initially founded in the 11th century. The picture on the right shows Ashleigh, Jamie and Nick keeping a lookout from the ramparts! Another beautiful day was spent at the nearby beach.

Another trip that was a favourite this summer was the one to the West Midlands Safari Park. The picture to the right shows Jane feeding one of the horses there and Jane is one of many who love all the animals at the park!

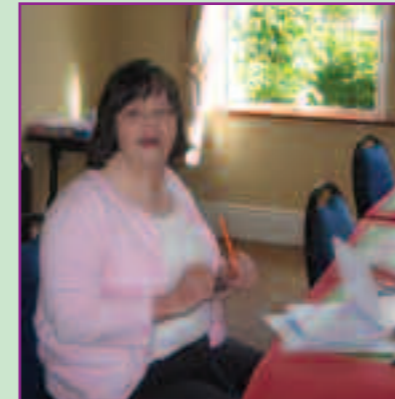


Everyone at Exalon would like to congratulate Donna, a Team Leader at The Oaks, and Nigel on the birth of their little girl Molly.



## THE HOLLIES

### Focus on- Patricia



This is a new item for the newsletter, introduced to give people an insight into some of the activities our residents get up to during their daily lives.

Patricia lives at The Hollies in Pershore, which has now been open for almost one year. Patricia has been living there since March of this year. She enjoys living in Pershore as there are many local places to visit and activities nearby. Art is a favourite hobby of Patricia's as she whiles away many happy hours drawing, colouring and painting. Patricia has made many friends at The Hollies including Helen and Paula.

At least once a week, several of the residents at the Hollies go ten-pin bowling in Worcester which is a short drive away. Patricia enjoys these games and the facilities are excellent. Worcester is also very convenient for regular shopping trips and soaking up the sunshine by the river Severn!



One weekend every month is allocated for a trip further a field. The most trip was to visit Stratford-upon-Avon Butterfly Farm. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful colours of the various species of butterflies, although the spiders in 'Arachnoland' did not prove quite so popular!



### 'Race for Life' representative does us proud, well done Alli!

"Just a note to say a huge thank you to you and all at Exalon for your very generous support and sponsorship for my attempt at the 'Race for Life' in aid of Cancer Research.

I am very pleased to say that I completed the race in good time, despite the heat and humidity, and am still standing without too many aching muscles! Sunday was an especially poignant day for me, as some will know it was the 10th anniversary of my beloved Dad, Chris Wood, passing over having fought bravely for a desperately short time against Asbestosis. So if I can help, just a little bit, in the huge effort to find a cure, then I am incredibly thankful for good, kind people like yourselves, who are willing to support and be so generous. My sponsorship raised will be in the region of £400."

